

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 47 public bills, H.R. 2403–2449; and 13 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 127 and H. Res. 437–448 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 689, to interchange the administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands between the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–108) and

H.R. 1170, to amend chapter 21 of title 38, United States Code, to establish a grant program to encourage the development of new assistive technologies for specially adapted housing, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–109).

H.R. 1088, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a one-year period for the training of new disabled veterans' outreach program specialists and local veterans' employment representatives by National Veterans' Employment and Training Services Institute (H. Rept. 111–110); and

H.R. 1089, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the enforcement through the Office of Special Counsel of the employment and unemployment rights of veterans and members of the Armed Forces employed by Federal executive agencies, with amendments (H. Rept. 111–111).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Tauscher to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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21st Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities Act: The House passed H.R. 2187, to direct the Secretary of Education to make grants to State educational agencies for the modernization, renovation, or repair of public school facilities, by a recorded vote of 275 ayes to 155 noes, Roll No. 259.

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Rejected the Thompson (PA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and Labor with instructions to report the bill back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 247 noes, Roll No. 258.

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Agreed to:

Giffords amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 111–106) that was debated on May 13th that specifies that local educational agencies receiving funds under the act may encourage schools receiving funds for projects to educate students about those projects,

including how they function, and their environmental, energy, sustainability, and other benefits (by a recorded vote of 334 ayes to 97 noes, Roll No. 255);

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Bright amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 111–106) that was debated on May 13th that requires the Secretary to reserve 5 percent of section 102 grant funds for grants to local educational agencies serving geographic areas with significant economic distress or recovering from a natural disaster (by a recorded vote of 433 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 256); and

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Griffith amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 111–106) that was debated on May 13th that includes reducing the incidence and effects of asthma and other respiratory illnesses in children among the voluntary guidelines for high performing school buildings. It also adds reducing the incidence and effects of asthma and other respiratory illnesses to the list of demonstrable and expected benefits. The amendment includes the reduction and elimination of human exposure to airborne particles such as dust, sand, and pollens among the approved uses for grant funds used by local educational agencies (by a recorded vote of 433 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 257).

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Rejected:

Kline (MN) amendment to amend the title of the bill (by a recorded vote of 149 ayes to 257 noes, Roll No. 260).

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Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 427, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Wednesday, May 13th.

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, May 13th:

Recognizing Armed Forces Day and the exemplary service of the members of the United States Armed Forces:

H. Res. 377, to recognize Armed Forces Day and the exemplary service of the members of the United States Armed Forces, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 420 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 263;

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Granting the congressional gold medal, collectively, to the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, United States Army, in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II: H.R. 347, to grant the congressional gold medal, collectively, to the 100th Infantry

Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, United States Army, in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 411 yeas with none voting “no”, Roll No. 266; and

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Medal of Honor Commemorative Coin Act of 2009: H.R. 1209, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the establishment of the Medal of Honor in 1861, America’s highest award for valor in action against an enemy force which can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the Armed Services of the United States, to honor the American military men and women who have been recipients of the Medal of Honor, and to promote awareness of what the Medal of Honor represents and how ordinary Americans, through courage, sacrifice, selfless service and patriotism, can challenge fate and change the course of history.

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Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2009: The House passed H.R. 2346, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 368 yeas to 60 nays, Roll No. 265.

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Rejected the Rogers (KY) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 191 yeas to 237 nays, Roll No. 264.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in H. Rept. 111–107 is considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 434, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 247 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 262, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nays vote of 240 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 261.

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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of police officers who have fallen in the line of duty.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 1 p.m. tomorrow, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, May 18th for morning hour debate, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 19th for morning hour debate and noon for legislative business.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5635.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yeas-and-nays votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5589, H5590, H5590–91, H5592–93, H5593, H5593–94, H 5606, H5606–07, H5607, H5631, H5632, H5633. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Committee Meetings

HORTICULTURE/ORGANIC AGRICULTURE SAFETY STANDARDS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture held a hearing to review food safety standards for horticulture and organic agriculture. Testimony was heard from David W.K. Acheson, M.D., Associate Commissioner, Foods, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; David Shipman, Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL SERVICES, GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services, General Government and Related Agencies held a hearing on the District of Columbia. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Adrian Fenty, Mayor; Vincent Gray, Council Chairman; and Natwar Gandhi, Chief Financial Officer.

INTERIOR AND ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on National Park Service. Testimony was heard from Dan Wenk, Acting Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

NAVY BUDGET FY 2010; ARMY BUDGET 2010

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of the Navy. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: B.F. Penn, Acting Secretary; ADM Gary Roughead, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; and GEN James T. Conway, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

The Committee also held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of the Army. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the